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In Re Application of: Pickard et al.
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Docket No.: 7000Z
Group Art Unit: 1742

For: High Thermal Conductivity Metal Matrix Composites

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RESPONSE

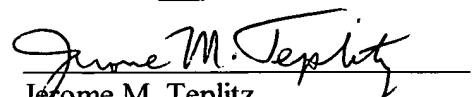
This is in response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2004.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-4, 17-20, 39, 41-45, 51-96 and 107-135, drawn to a composite.

With respect to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect for prosecution on the merits the species designated by the Examiner as species (i), directed to the composite wherein the metal matrix is aluminum. The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-3, 17-20, 39, 41-45, 51-58, 67-81, 90-96, 107, 108, 111, 112, 115, 116, 118-122, 125, 126, 129, 130 and 132-135.

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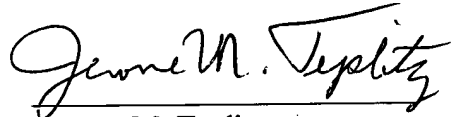
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An early action on the merits of all the claims listed above as being readable on the elected species, is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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